Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a sophomore in college, age 19. I like girls and girls like me. I'm not bad-looking, enjoy handball, tennis and golf and I've never lacked friends, either male or female.

So what's my problem? I'll be honest. I've never been able to kiss a girl. Please understand I am perfectly normal. I just can't bring myself to this point.

Now I'm really concerned because the young lady I've been dating since September gave me the air. Her last words were "Your ice-age approach to romance is weird. Send me a postcard from The North Pole."

My mother always pounded into my head the notion that I must respect girls. The thought that I might hurt a girl's reputation or defile her in any way scares me to death. I'm plenty mixed up and I know it. Can you help me? —YALE '62

Thinker Klinker

Dear Yale: It's nice that your mother taught you to respect girls. And it's too bad she failed to teach you the difference between an honest, normal expression of affection and "defiling" a girl.

If at 19 you are so paralyzed by inhibitions that you are unable to kiss the girl you've been dating for five months, you need professional help.

It may take a great deal of time, money and effort, to remove this klinker from your thinker, but it'll be well worth it. One who has been pounded for years about the "evils" of sex can't be expected to develop a healthy approach to life overnight. Good luck.

Dear Ann: Is it a crime to read at the dinner table? My wife doesn't mind if I look at a newspaper at breakfast (in fact, she thinks it's a good idea because no one in our house is in a very good humor in the morning). But she really sizzles when I bring a paper, magazine or book to the dinner table.

I prefer good literature to the senseless chatter of our three little kids. If I want to read at my own dinner table in my own home, isn't this MY privilege? How about it—OX-CAL.

Dear Ox: There's more involved here than whether or not you should be permitted to read at the dinner table. The REAL problem is you can't tolerate your family. The literature you lug to the table serves as a wall to keep them away from you.

Of course three little kids are going to indulge in senseless chatter. What were you talking about when you were their age—Einstein's theory of relativity?

Fathers who can't stand their kids when they're young and expect them to be palsy-walsy when they "get sense" are in for a rude awakening. The ability to communicate starts in the cradle.

Throw away that reading material tonight, Dad, and introduce yourself to your family.

I Was In Prison

Dear Ann Landers: Your answer to "On Trial Forever" was wonderful. I know about these things because I served a prison term and had to come home and face my family and friends.

It takes a great deal of compassion for an employer to hire a man with a prison record, especially if dishonesty was involved. But there ARE such men in this world, and I hope "On Trial Forever" is as fortunate as I was, in meeting them.

I came home filled with fear and misgivings. But the minute I entered my church and felt the warm clasp of friendly hands and heard "Welcome home" and "Mighty glad to see you" I knew it was going to be all right. This world is full of good people, so keep looking, "On Trial" — and don't lose faith. Good luck to you.—D.J.P.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MOLLIE: Tell "your friends" to take a long walk on a short dock. You're the one who will be alone in your old age if you let this wonderful man slip away.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "Help For The Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-eddressed envelope).

Guides Receive Awards

At St. Philip's Anglican Church recently, the Rev. R. Mugford dedicated colors of the Victoria Guide Company No. 28 and presented life and religion emblems to Guides of the 28th and 4th Guide companies.

The religion and life emblem is a proof that a Guide is trying to live up to her church's religious teaching and was created in 1950 with different requirements for each religious denomination. A Guide must have her second class and be instructed and tested by her own clergyman.

Among those receiving the emblem were Barbara Fuller, Jennifer Stone, Robin Olson, Barbara Bell, Gayle Rawnsely, Maureen Usher of the 28th Company, and Christine Barnes, Janis Robinson, Judith Gonnason and Elizabeth Crosier of the 4th.

Jubilee Bridge, Tea Planners

The Women's Auxiliary to Royal Jubilee Hospital will have its annual bridge and tea at the Nurses' Residence, on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. Conveners of the affair pictured above are from left to right, Mrs. W. R. Jeffs, Mrs. E. M. Shears, Mrs. C. C. Riach and Mrs. W. E. Steed, president.—(Colonist photo.)

Zeal, Drive Not Enough To Become Missionary

A young woman with a certain smile and a bit of a Scotian burr stood in the pulpit of Victoria's First United Church recently and felt right at home.

She is Rev. R. Catherine McKeen, of Toronto, secretary for younger groups of the WMS Dominion board, at present meeting with missionary groups and young people in B.C.

ORDAINED MINISTER

Miss McKeen, an ordained minister of the United Church, doesn't have her own church but sometimes "gets the feeling for it" when she stands in a pulpit.

Nova Scotian by birth, Miss McKeen is a graduate of Union Seminary in New York, a high school teacher and was a home missionary for three years in Alberta. She is happy with her present position working with young people.

Speaking on general features of the WMS, Miss McKeen mentioned the operating budget of more than $1,000,000 and a special building fund of $65,000 for an operating room and a library in Korea.

The WMS, unlike Red Cross or Community Chest, raises money through each church group keeping a personal touch through each contribution and working all year round.

DISCUSSION

Important in Miss McKeen's work is meeting for discussion with children, teen-agers and young women interested in education as Christian missionaries.

Asked if one can simply decide to become a missionary and approach church authorities full of zeal and drive to work abroad, Miss McKeen said definitely not.

There are several ways to become a missionary:

1. You may go to the United Church Training School in Toronto for two years and receive your commission.

"It's not easy to get into this school for the applicant must go through a rigid medical and psychiatric test first," she said.

2. If an applicant has a teaching or nursing certificate, she needs only one year of the course.

3. A graduate of a divinity or theology college would qualify.

4. A woman doctor would need only a summer session of theological training for overseas work.

Following the courses, and after graduates are assigned, they must then take an intensive course to learn the language of the country in which they will serve and finally will participate in an outgoing mission conference.

Elk Island buffalo preserve in Alberta also shelters deer, elk and moose.

Shopping With Sally

Bitter, Dry Ambrosia

Sour, bitter, dry and awful.

These are Seville oranges shipped in from arid Arizona with the taste of ambrosia when made up into marmalade. There's a small supply available in the department, larger independent and Fort Street stores. Price is about two pounds for 35 cents.

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Grapefruit is tip top this weekend. The crop this year is exceptionally good due to the climatic conditions in Florida. For five cents a serving, it's a practical as well as healthy dessert or breakfast treat. Five large fruit sell for about 49 cents.

Here's a suggestion on the preparation of grapefruit. When you cut the fruit, half the vitamin content evaporates. So peel the fruit like an orange or banana and eat it.

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Another bargain breakfast item is oranges priced as low as they've been in two years and of excellent quality.

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Apples are a popular fruit and loaded with vitamins. There are Red Romes, a few Macs, Delicious, Newtowns, and Winesaps available from 29 to 39 cents for two pounds.

From the "Did you know?" department comes this — always wash grapes before you eat them, but not if you're planning to put them in a fruit bowl display on the table. They will lose their bloom if they're washed or handled roughly and won't last more than 24 hours.

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The general price of spuds is down considerably from last year when you could buy ten pounds for 89 cents if you were lucky. This year, locals, B.C. Dry Belts, Albertas and Idahos are priced at about 10 pounds for 49 to 69 cents—some sold for baking that are a uniform size.

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Rain in California has messed up the green bean crop temporarily but fresh green peas are very nice and getting cheaper.

Long-shanked celery from new fields is on the market. A good-size stalk sells for about 29 cents and a pound for 15 cents.

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Boiled, stewed, fried, roasted or baked, sweet potatoes make a dandy Lenten dish. Two pounds sell for 43 cents.

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Smarten up your winter salads with green peppers from California. They're colorful, the flavor is delightful and they sell for about 49 cents a pound.

Guides Plan Rally Here

Provincial Council, Girl Guides' Association, will hold its annual meeting in Victoria at Christ Church Cathedral memorial hall, April 3 at 10 a.m.

In conjunction with the council meeting, conferences will be held in which Commissioners, Guiders and local association members will participate.

A dinner will be held at the Empress Hotel Friday evening, April 3, when the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. F. M. Ross will be present, and Mr. Willard Ireland the speaker.

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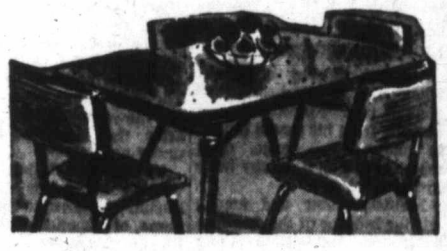

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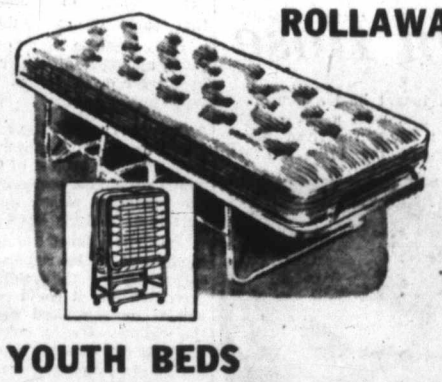

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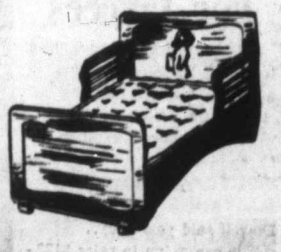

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